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New Fully Automated Garbage and Recycling Services

Kerrville, Texas (June 9, 2015) – City of Kerrville residents will be receiving in the mail this week an information packet pertaining to the new solid waste services. Included in this packet is information regarding collection days for both garbage and recycling in addition to general guidelines for the issued carts. Also included is a calendar that outlines service days, holidays, bulk drop-off, brush / yard waste service, and bulk curbside pickup, frequently asked questions as well as tips for recycling and instructions on cart placement.

Delivery of the carts will begin on Monday, June 15th by Republic Services. The carts will be delivered seven days a week until all the carts have been distributed. Residents may start using the new carts on their regular collection day once received, however, the new fully automated collection days for regular garbage and recycling will not begin until the week of June 29th, as outlined in each specific letter according to the route address. Regular garbage carts must be placed curbside no later than 7:30 a.m. on

service day. Stickers will be attached to the new carts to be placed on any old trash cans / bins to be discarded, if desired. Republic Services will be collecting trash cans / bins that are labeled.

All trash and recycling items must be placed inside the carts. Items placed beside the cart will not be picked up. The carts are to be placed with the handle facing your home and at least three feet away from other objects (including other carts) and five feet away from automobiles. Please ensure at least 16 feet of overhead clearance and avoid unsafe placement of carts underneath power lines, near fences, poles, parked cars, mailboxes, utility meters, and low lying trees. Incorrect placement of carts will result in service interruption for that day.

Recycling will be serviced on a bi-weekly Friday schedule. The recycling cart lids will be light blue and will be labeled "Recycling" with a helpful decal of items that can and cannot be recycled. Acceptable recycling items are:

- Plastics - #1, #2, and #5 plastics such as water / soda bottles, laundry detergent and soap bottles, and butter / yogurt containers;
- Paper - newspapers, catalogs, magazines, envelopes, cereal / frozen dinner boxes, drink cartons, cardboard, copy paper, phone books, office paper, junk mail, clean pizza boxes;
- Metal - aluminum, cans, and empty aerosol spray cans; and

- Please contact customer service a 1-800-304-2700 for information regarding E-Waste Recycling.

Materials that **cannot** be recycled are: Styrofoam, plastic bags, batteries, chip bags, yard waste, leaves, hazardous waste, candy wrappers, ceramics, cloth, garden hoses, food scraps, textiles, diapers, and tissue products.

Residents will receive the cart sizes specified on their returned forms, either 95 gallon, 45 gallon, or a combination. If a form was not returned, the 95 gallon sizes will be delivered for both carts. There will be a six month grace period in which the size of the carts may be changed. Any changes after this period will be assessed an administrative fee of \$25.

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